

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**OPTICAL DEVICE, LENS AND OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR FOCUSING A LASER BEAM AND APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE OPTICAL DEVICE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with

27 pages of specification and claims including
31 numbered claims and also attached is/are

5 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No. Country
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Filing Date
26 October 1999

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No. Filing Date

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached.

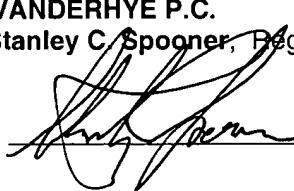
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